



CONNECTICUT PENAL CODE-UPDATED AND REVISED

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PENAL CODE

- [Title 53a](#) of the General Statutes (with 2015 legislation codified in the [2016 Supplement](#))
- Penal Code crimes cover many categories including homicide, assault, sexual assault, robbery, burglary, and larceny
- Statutes with criminal penalties are found in every title of the statutes, not just the Penal Code

ISSUE

This report lists all crimes in the Connecticut Penal Code ([Title 53a](#) of the General Statutes) and their penalties. It updates [OLR Report 2015-R-0046](#).

SUMMARY

This report lists all of the crimes contained in the Penal Code. It updates previous reports to reflect changes from the 2015 regular and special sessions. Statutes with criminal penalties that are codified outside the Penal Code are not included.

Criminal offenses in Connecticut are classified as felonies, which are punishable by imprisonment for over one year, and misdemeanors, which are punishable by imprisonment for not more than one year. In turn, felonies are classified according to severity as class A, class B, class C, class D, and class E. Misdemeanors are classified as class A, class B, class C, and class D. There are unclassified felonies and misdemeanors which are punishable by imprisonment but not designated under one of the classes listed above (under PA [12-80](#) and PA [13-258](#), some unclassified crimes may be deemed classified if they have the same maximum prison term as one of the classes specified above).

Terms of imprisonment in Connecticut must be for specific periods of time. Judges set the specific penalty for each offender from a range of sentences and fines set out in the statutes. A judge may impose a fine, a term of imprisonment, or both.

This report focuses on prison sentences and does not include fines that apply to the crimes in the Penal Code, possible probation terms, sex offender registry requirements, or other consequences of a conviction. We also exclude statutes that are punishable as infractions or by a fine only.

Table 1 displays all of the crimes in the Penal Code. In addition to these crimes, the Penal Code also includes enhanced penalties for persistent offenders, acts of terrorism, and certain other types of offenders. These provisions are described in Table 2.

PENAL CODE OFFENSES

Table 1 displays all of the crimes in the Penal Code arranged by classification. It displays the authorized prison sentences for each and any mandatory minimum sentence that applies.

In addition to the crimes listed in the table, the Penal Code punishes (1) attempting or conspiring to commit any of them or (2) acting as an accomplice to one of them.

Attempt or conspiracy is a crime “of the same grade and degree as the most serious offense which is attempted or is an object of the conspiracy, except that an attempt or conspiracy to commit a class A felony is a class B felony” ([CGS § 53a-51](#)). If someone is convicted of attempt or conspiracy to commit a crime other than a class A felony that carries a mandatory minimum sentence, the offender is subject to that mandatory minimum sentence (see *State v. Moran*, 264 Conn. 593 (2003)).

Someone is an accomplice or criminally liable for the acts of another if he or she acts with the mental state required to commit a crime and solicits, requests, commands, or intentionally aids another to engage in criminal conduct. These offenders can be punished as if they were the principal offenders ([CGS § 53a-8](#)). It also appears that someone who is an accomplice to a crime that is punishable by a mandatory minimum sentence would be subject to that mandatory minimum.

Table 1: Penal Code Crimes Arranged by Class, with Authorized Prison Sentences and Mandatory Minimum Sentences

<i>Classification (Penalty)</i>	<i>Crime (CGS §)</i>	<i>Mandatory Minimum Sentence (if applicable)</i>
Capital A felony—Murder with special circumstances (life without possibility of release)	Murder with special circumstances (53a-54b)	Life without possibility of release
Class A Felonies—Murder (25 to 60 years)	Murder (53a-54a)	25 years
	Felony murder (53a-54c)	25 years
Class A Felony—Aggravated sexual assault of a minor (25 to 50 years)	Aggravated sexual assault of a minor (53a-70c)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1st offense: 25 years Subsequent offense: 50 years
Class A Felonies (10 to 25 years)	Assault of pregnant woman resulting in termination of pregnancy (53a-59c)	10 years*
	Sexual assault 1 st degree (when force is used or threatened and victim under age 16 or victim under age 13 and actor more than two years older) (53a-70 , 2016 Supp. (PA 15-211))	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Five years 10 years if victim under age 10 In all cases, must sentence to 10 years in prison (non-mandatory portions can be suspended) or 10 years combined imprisonment and special parole
	Aggravated sexual assault 1 st degree (victim under age 16) (53a-70a , 2016 Supp. (PA 15-211))	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 10 years 20 years if force is used or threatened
	Kidnapping 1 st degree (53a-92)	10 years*
	Kidnapping 1 st degree with a firearm (53a-92a)	10 years*
	Home invasion (53a-100aa)	10 years
	Arson 1 st degree (53a-111)	No mandatory minimum (pursuant to <i>State v. O'Neill</i> , 200 Conn. 268 (1986))
	Employing a minor in an obscene performance (53a-196a)	10 years
Class B Felony—Manslaughter 1st degree with a firearm (five to 40 years)	Manslaughter 1 st degree with a firearm (53a-55a)	Five years
Class B Felonies (one to 20 years)	Manslaughter 1 st degree (53a-55)	
	Assault 1 st degree (53a-59)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Five years when committed with a deadly weapon or dangerous instrument 10 years if victim is under age 10 or a witness

Table 1 (continued)

<i>Classification (Penalty)</i>	<i>Crime (CGS §)</i>	<i>Mandatory Minimum Sentence (if applicable)</i>
Class B Felonies (continued)	Assault of an elderly, blind, disabled, or pregnant person or person with intellectual disabilities 1 st degree (53a-59a)	Five years
	Assault of Department of Correction employee 1 st degree (53a-59b)	
	Sexual assault 1 st degree (also an A felony under certain circumstances, see above) (53a-70 , 2016 Supp. (PA 15-211))	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Two years • 10 years if victim under age 10 • In all cases, must sentence to 10 years in prison (non-mandatory portion can be suspended) or 10 years combined imprisonment and special parole
	Aggravated sexual assault 1 st degree (victim age 16 or older) (53a-70a , 2016 Supp. (PA 15-211))	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Five years • 10-year term required but non-mandatory portion can be suspended
	Sexual assault in spousal or cohabitation relationship (53a-70b)	Two years
	Sexual assault 2 nd degree (victim under age 16) (53a-71)	Nine months
	Sexual assault 3 rd degree with a firearm (victim under age 16) (53a-72b)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Two years • Combined prison and special parole term of 10 years
	Promoting prostitution 1 st degree (53a-86)	Nine months if the prostitute is under age 18
	Enticing a minor (victim under age 13 or 3 rd or subsequent offense with victim age 13 or older) (53a-90a)	When minor under age 13: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 1st offense: five years • Subsequent offense: 10 years
	Kidnapping 2 nd degree (53a-94)	Three years
	Kidnapping 2 nd degree with a firearm (53a-94a)	Three years
	Burglary 1 st degree (53a-101)	Five years when committed with explosive, deadly weapon, or dangerous instrument
	Arson 2 nd degree (53a-112)	
	Larceny 1 st degree (53a-122)	
	Identity theft 1 st degree (53a-129b)	
	Robbery 1 st degree (53a-134)	Five years when committed with a deadly weapon
	Possession of a weapon or dangerous instrument in a correctional institution (53a-174a)	

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<i>Classification (Penalty)</i>	<i>Crime (CGS §)</i>	<i>Mandatory Minimum Sentence (if applicable)</i>
Class B Felonies (continued)	Rioting at correctional institution (53a-179b)	
	Trafficking in persons (53a-192a)	
	Promoting a minor in an obscene performance (53a-196b)	
	Importing child pornography (53a-196c)	Five years
	Possessing child pornography 1 st degree (53a-196d)	Five years
	Computer crime 1 st degree (53a-252)	
	Money laundering 1 st degree (53a-276)	
	Vendor fraud 1 st degree (53a-291)	
	Computer crime in furtherance of terrorism (53a-301)	When directed toward public safety agency: Five years
Class C Felonies (one to 10 years)	Manslaughter 2 nd degree (53a-56)	
	Manslaughter 2 nd degree with a firearm (53a-56a)	One year
	Manslaughter 2 nd degree with a motor vehicle while intoxicated (53a-56b)	
	Assault 2 nd degree (resulting in serious physical injury) (53a-60, 2016 Supp. (PA 15-211))	
	Strangulation 1 st degree (53a-64aa)	
	Sexual assault 2 nd degree (victim age 16 or older) (53a-71)	Nine months
	Sexual assault 3 rd degree (victim under age 16) (53a-72a)	
	Sexual assault 3 rd degree with a firearm (victim 16 or older) (53a-72b)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Two years • Combined prison and special parole term of 10 years
	Patronizing a prostitute (when the perpetrator knows or should know the prostitute is under age 18 or a trafficking victim) (53a-83)	
	Promoting prostitution 2 nd degree (53a-87)	
	Enticing a minor (2 nd offense, victim age 13 or older) (53a-90a)	
	Misrepresentation of age to entice a minor (53a-90b)	
	Burglary 2 nd degree (53a-102)	
	Burglary 2 nd degree with a firearm (53a-102a)	One year
	Arson 3 rd degree (53a-113)	

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<i>Classification (Penalty)</i>	<i>Crime (CGS §)</i>	<i>Mandatory Minimum Sentence (if applicable)</i>
Class C Felonies (continued)	Larceny 2 nd degree (53a-123)	
	Criminal trover 1 st degree (second and subsequent offenses) (53a-126a)	
	Identity theft 2 nd degree (53a-129c)	
	Robbery 2 nd degree (53a-135)	
	Forgery 1 st degree (53a-138)	
	Bribery (53a-147)	
	Bribe receiving (53a-148)	
	Bribery of a witness (53a-149)	
	Bribe receiving by a witness (53a-150)	
	Tampering with a witness (53a-151)	
	Intimidating a witness (53a-151a)	
	Bribery of a juror (53a-152)	
	Bribe receiving by a juror (53a-153)	
	Hindering prosecution 1 st degree (53a-165aa)	Five years
	Hindering prosecution 2 nd degree (53a-166)	
	Assault of public safety, emergency medical, public transit, or health care personnel (53a-167c)	
	Assault on a prosecutor (53a-167d)	
	Escape 1 st degree (53a-169)	
	Escape from custody (by person arrested for, charged with, or convicted of a felony) (53a-171)	
	Inciting injury to persons or property (53a-179a)	
	Inciting to riot at correctional institution (53a-179c)	
	Falsely reporting an incident resulting in serious physical injury or death (53a-180a)	
	Intimidation based on bigotry or bias 1 st degree (53a-181j)	
	Voyeurism (any subsequent offense or a 1 st offense if the perpetrator has certain prior convictions or the crime involves a victim under age 16) (53a-189a, 2016 Supp. (PA 15-213))	

Table 1 (continued)

<i>Classification (Penalty)</i>	<i>Crime (CGS §)</i>	<i>Mandatory Minimum Sentence (if applicable)</i>
Class C Felonies (continued)	Possessing child pornography 2 nd degree (53a-196e)	Two years
	Commercial sexual exploitation of a minor (53a-196i)	
	Stealing a firearm (53a-212)	Two years
	Criminal possession of firearm, ammunition, or electronic defense weapon (53a-217)	Two years
	Criminal possession of a pistol or revolver (53a-217c)	Two years
	Interference with a cemetery or burial ground (53a-218)	
	Criminal violation of a protective order (when (1) restrain person protected by the order or his or her liberty or (2) threaten, harass, assault, or sexually assault the person) (53a-223)	
	Criminal violation of standing criminal protective order (when (1) restrain person protected by the order or his or her liberty or (2) threaten, harass, assault, or sexually assault the person) (53a-223a)	
	Criminal violation of restraining order (when (1) restrain person protected by the order or his or her liberty or (2) threaten, harass, assault, or sexually assault the person) (53a-223b)	
	Computer crime 2 nd degree (53a-253)	
	Money laundering 2 nd degree (53a-277)	
	Vendor fraud 2 nd degree (53a-292)	
	Criminal misrepresentation (53a-302)	
	Contamination of public water or food for terrorism (53a-303)	Five years
	Damage to public transportation for terrorism (53a-304)	
	Abuse 1 st degree of an elderly, blind, or disabled person or person with an intellectual disability (53a-321)	
Class D Felonies (up to 5 years)	Misconduct with a motor vehicle (53a-57)	
	Assault 2 nd degree (not resulting in serious physical injury) (53a-60, 2016 Supp. (PA 15-211))	
	Assault 2 nd degree with a firearm (53a-60a)	One year
	Assault of an elderly, blind, disabled, or pregnant person or person with intellectual disabilities 2 nd degree (53a-60b)	Two years
	Assault of an elderly, blind, disabled, or pregnant person or person with intellectual disabilities 2 nd degree with a firearm (53a-60c)	Three years

Table 1 (continued)

<i>Classification (Penalty)</i>	<i>Crime (CGS §)</i>	<i>Mandatory Minimum Sentence (if applicable)</i>
Class D Felonies (continued)	Assault 2 nd degree with a motor vehicle while intoxicated (53a-60d)	
	Threatening 1 st degree (53a-61aa)	
	Strangulation 2 nd degree (53a-64bb)	
	Sexual assault 3 rd degree (victim age 16 or older) (53a-72a)	
	Sexual assault 4 th degree (victim under age 16) (53a-73a)	
	Promoting prostitution 3 rd degree (53a-88)	
	Enticing a minor (1 st offense, victim age 13 or older) (53a-90a)	
	Unlawful restraint 1 st degree (53a-95)	
	Custodial interference 1 st degree (53a-97)	
	Substitution of children (53a-99)	
	Burglary 3 rd degree (53a-103)	
	Burglary 3 rd degree with a firearm (53a-103a)	One year
	Reckless burning (53a-114)	
	Criminal mischief 1 st degree (53a-115)	
	Criminal damage to landlord's property 1 st degree (53a-117e)	
	Damage to railroad property 1 st degree (53a-117k)	
	Using a motor vehicle or vessel without the owner's permission or interfering or tampering with a motor vehicle (2 nd and subsequent offenses) (53a-119b)	
	Larceny 3 rd degree (53a-124)	
	Criminal trover 1 st degree (1 st offense) (53a-126a)	
	Theft of utility or cable TV service for profit or gain (53a-127c)	
	Cheating while gambling (except for changing wager after time allowed expires) (53a-127d)	
	Possession of cheating device (53a-127e)	
	Issuing a bad check (over \$2,000) (53a-128)	
	Certain credit card crimes (53a-128i(b))	
	Identity theft 3 rd degree (53a-129d)	

Table 1 (continued)

<i>Classification (Penalty)</i>	<i>Crime (CGS §)</i>	<i>Mandatory Minimum Sentence (if applicable)</i>
Class D Felonies (continued)	Trafficking in personal identifying information (53a-129e)	
	Impersonation of a police officer (53a-130a)	
	Robbery 3 rd degree (53a-136)	
	Forgery 2 nd degree (53a-139)	
	Criminal simulation (53a-141)	
	Tampering with a juror (53a-154)	
	Tampering with or fabricating physical evidence (53a-155)	
	Perjury (53a-156)	
	False statement on a certified payroll (53a-157a)	
	Bribery of a labor official (53a-158)	
	Bribe receiving by a labor official (53a-159)	
	Commercial bribery (53a-160)	
	Receiving a commercial bribe (53a-161)	
	Bid rigging (53a-161a)	
	Receiving kickbacks (53a-161c)	
	Paying a kickback (53a-161d)	
	Rigging (53a-162)	
	Hindering prosecution 3 rd degree (53a-167)	
	Interfering with an officer (when causes death or serious physical injury) (53a-167a)	
	Escape 2 nd degree (53a-170)	
	Failure to appear 1 st degree (53a-172)	
	Conveying unauthorized items into correctional institution (53a-174(a))	
	Criminal advocacy (53a-179)	
	Falsely reporting an incident 1 st degree (53a-180)	
	Falsely reporting an incident concerning serious physical injury or death (53a-180b)	
	Breach of peace 1 st degree (53a-180aa)	

Table 1 (continued)

<i>Classification (Penalty)</i>	<i>Crime (CGS §)</i>	<i>Mandatory Minimum Sentence (if applicable)</i>
Class D Felonies (continued)	Stalking 1 st degree (53a-181c)	
	Intimidation based on bigotry or bias 2 nd degree (53a-181k)	
	Harassment 1 st degree (53a-182b)	
	Eavesdropping (53a-189)	
	Voyeurism (1 st offense, when victim is at least age 16 and perpetrator does not have certain prior convictions) (53a-189a)	
	Disseminating voyeuristic material (53a-189b)	
	Bigamy (53a-190)	
	Incest (53a-191)	
	Coercion (when the threat is to commit a felony) (53a-192)	
	Obscenity as to minors (53a-196)	
	Possessing child pornography 3 rd degree (53a-196f)	One year
	Possession of sawed-off shotgun or silencer (53a-211)	
	Insurance fraud (53a-215)	
	Criminal use of firearm or electronic defense weapon (53a-216)	Five years
	Criminally negligent storage of a firearm (53a-217a)	
	Possession of weapon on school property (53a-217b)	
	Negligent hunting 1 st degree (53a-217e(b))	
	Unlawful possession or sale of gravestones (53a-219)	
	Interference with a war or veterans' memorial or monument (53a-221a)	
	Unlawful possession, purchase, or sale of a war or veterans' memorial or monument (53a-221b)	
	Violate conditions of release 1 st degree (53a-222)	
	Criminal violation of a protective order (except when a class C felony-see above) (53a-223)	
	Criminal violation of standing criminal protective order (except when a class C felony-see above) (53a-223a)	
	Criminal violation of restraining order (except when a class C felony-see above) (53a-223b)	

Table 1 (continued)

<i>Classification (Penalty)</i>	<i>Crime (CGS §)</i>	<i>Mandatory Minimum Sentence (if applicable)</i>
Class D Felonies (continued)	Criminal violation of civil protection order (53a-223c)	
	Computer crime 3 rd degree (53a-254)	
	Money laundering 3 rd degree (53a-278)	
	Vendor fraud 3 rd degree (53a-293)	
	Abuse 2 nd degree of an elderly, blind, or disabled person or person with an intellectual disability (53a-322)	
Class A Misdemeanors (up to one year)	Criminally negligent homicide (53a-58)	
	Assault 3 rd degree (53a-61)	One year when, with criminal negligence, cause physical injury with deadly weapon, dangerous instrument, or electronic defense weapon
	Assault of an elderly, blind, disabled, or pregnant person or person with intellectual disabilities 3 rd degree (53a-61a)	One year
	Threatening 2 nd degree (53a-62)	
	Reckless endangerment 1 st degree (53a-63)	
	Strangulation 3 rd degree (53a-64cc)	
	Sexual assault 4 th degree (victim age 16 or older) (53a-73a)	
	Prostitution (53a-82)	
	Patronizing a prostitute (except when perpetrator knows or should know the prostitute is under age 18 or a trafficking victim) (53a-83)	
	Patronizing a prostitute from a motor vehicle (53a-83a)	
	Permitting prostitution (53a-89)	
	Unlawful restraint 2 nd degree (53a-96)	
	Custodial interference 2 nd degree (53a-98)	
	Manufacturing or possession of burglar's tools (53a-106)	
	Criminal trespass 1 st degree (53a-107)	
	Criminal mischief 2 nd degree (53a-116)	
	Criminal damage to landlord's property 2 nd degree (53a-117f)	
	Damage to railroad property 2 nd degree (53a-117l)	

Table 1 (continued)

<i>Classification (Penalty)</i>	<i>Crime (CGS §)</i>	<i>Mandatory Minimum Sentence (if applicable)</i>
Class A Misdemeanors (continued)	Using a motor vehicle or vessel without the owner's permission or interfering or tampering with a motor vehicle (1 st offense) (53a-119b)	
	Larceny 4 th degree (53a-125)	
	Criminal trover 2 nd degree (53a-126b)	
	Diversion from state of benefit of employees' labor (53a-127)	
	Unlawful entry into coin machine or possession of key to enter (53a-127a)	
	Fraudulent use of automatic teller machine (53a-127b)	
	Unlawful possession of a shoplifting device (53a-127f)	
	Unlawful possession of a personal identifying information access device (53a-127g)	
	Issuing a bad check (between \$1,000 and \$2,000) (53a-128)	
	Certain credit card crimes (53a-128i(a))	
	Misapplication of property (53a-129)	
	Criminal impersonation (53a-130)	
	Unlawfully concealing a will (53a-131)	
	False entry by officer or agent of public community (53a-132)	
	Forgery of symbols of value (53a-142)	
	Failure to report bribery (53a-148a)	
	False statement (53a-157b)	
	Disclosure of bid or proposal (53a-161b)	
	Soliciting or accepting benefit for rigging (53a-163)	
	Participating in a rigged contest (53a-164)	
	Interfering with an officer (when does not cause death or serious physical injury) (53a-167a)	
	Failure to assist a peace officer, special policeman, firefighter, or motor vehicle inspector (53a-167b)	
	Escape from custody (by person arrested for, charged with, or convicted of an offense that is not a felony) (53a-171)	

Table 1 (continued)

<i>Classification (Penalty)</i>	<i>Crime (CGS §)</i>	<i>Mandatory Minimum Sentence (if applicable)</i>
Class A Misdemeanors (continued)	Aiding escape from hospital or sanitarium (53a-171a)	
	Failure to appear 2 nd degree (53a-173)	
	Conveying unauthorized letters into correctional or humane institution or from inmate to someone outside institution or using false name to enter institution (53a-174(b) or (c))	
	Conveying or using electronic wireless communication device in prison (53a-174b)	
	Riot 1 st degree (53a-175)	
	Inciting to riot (53a-178)	
	Falsely reporting an incident 2 nd degree (53a-180c)	
	Stalking 2 nd degree (53a-181d)	
	Intimidation based on bigotry or bias 3 rd degree (53a-181l)	
	Interfering with an emergency call (53a-183b)	
	Disrupting a funeral (53a-183c)	
	Tampering with private communications (53a-188)	
	Unlawful dissemination of an intimate image (53a-189c , 2016 Supp. (PA 15-213))	
	Coercion (when the threat is to commit other than a felony) (53a-192)	
	Possessing or transmitting child pornography by minor (sexting) (53a-196h)	
	Criminal possession of body armor (53a-217d)	
	Negligent hunting 2 nd degree (53a-217e(c))	
	Interference with a memorial plaque (53a-220)	
	Unlawful purchase, possession, or sale of a memorial plaque (53a-221)	
	Violation of conditions of release 2 nd degree (53a-222a)	
	Recruiting a gang member (53a-224)	
	Computer crime 4 th degree (53a-255)	
	Money laundering 4 th degree (53a-279)	
	Vendor fraud 4 th degree (53a-294)	
	Abuse 3 rd degree (53a-323)	

Table 1 (continued)

<i>Classification (Penalty)</i>	<i>Crime (CGS §)</i>	<i>Mandatory Minimum Sentence (if applicable)</i>
Class B Misdemeanors (up to six months)	Reckless endangerment 2 nd degree (53a-64)	
	Criminal trespass 2 nd degree (53a-108)	
	Criminal trespass 3 rd degree (poaching) (53a-109)	
	Criminal mischief 3 rd degree (53a-117)	
	Criminal damage to landlord's property 3 rd degree (53a-117g)	
	Damage to railroad property 3 rd degree (53a-117m)	
	Larceny 5 th degree (53a-125a)	
	Cheating while gambling (changing wager after time allowed expires) (53a-127d)	
	Issuing a bad check (between \$500 and \$1,000) (53a-128)	
	Forgery 3 rd degree (53a-140)	
	Unlawfully using slugs 1 st degree (53a-144)	
	Riot 2 nd degree (53a-176)	
	Unlawful assembly (53a-177)	
	Misuse of 9-1-1 system (53a-180d)	
	Breach of peace 2 nd degree (53a-181)	
	Stalking 3 rd degree (53a-181e)	
	Electronic stalking (53a-181f, 2016 Supp. (PA 15-175))	
	Public indecency (53a-186)	
	Obscenity (53a-194)	
	Negligent hunting 3 rd degree (53a-217e(d))	
	Computer crime 5 th degree (53a-256)	
	Vendor fraud 5 th degree (53a-295)	
Class C Misdemeanors (up to 3 months)	Criminal trespass 3 rd degree (except for poaching) (53a-109)	
	Criminal mischief 4 th degree (53a-117a)	
	Larceny 6 th degree (53a-125b)	
	Issuing a bad check (\$500 or less) (53a-128)	

Table 1 (continued)

<i>Classification (Penalty)</i>	<i>Crime (CGS §)</i>	<i>Mandatory Minimum Sentence (if applicable)</i>
Class C Misdemeanors (continued)	Unlawfully using slugs 2 nd degree (53a-145)	
	Disorderly conduct (53a-182)	
	Obstructing free passage (53a-182a)	
	Harassment 2 nd degree (53a-183)	
	Obstructing the lawful taking of wildlife (53a-183a)	
	Loitering in or about school grounds (53a-185)	
	Drinking while operating a motor vehicle (53a-213)	
	Criminal lockout (53a-214)	
	Negligent hunting 4 th degree (53a-217e(e))	
	Vendor fraud 6 th degree (53a-296)	
Unclassified (25 to 60 years if perpetrator is under age 18 at time of the crime, otherwise life imprisonment which is statutorily defined as 60 years)	Arson murder (53a-54d , 2016 Supp. (PA 15-84))	Can be suspended (<i>State v. Dupree</i> , 196 Conn. 655 (1985))
Unclassified (up to two years)	Violating injunction against material or performance that is obscene or obscene as to minors (53a-209)	

*CGS §§ [53a-28](#) and [53a-29](#) prohibit suspension or reduction of any sentence for a class A felony, meaning that the 10-year minimum sentence for a class A felony becomes a mandatory minimum, unless the statute specifies otherwise. In cases noted above, the Connecticut Supreme Court has ruled that where a more serious crime carries a lesser penalty, this penalty must prevail and be applied to the less serious crime.

PERSISTENT OFFENDERS, ACTS OF TERRORISM, AND OTHER ENHANCED SENTENCES

A number of statutes authorize enhanced penalties for offenders who commit crimes contained in the Penal Code depending on their criminal record or the circumstances of the crime (such as using a weapon). Table 2 displays these provisions, including two provisions from outside the Penal Code because they enhance penalties for crimes contained in the Penal Code.

Table 2: Statutes that Enhance Penalties for Penal Code Offenses and Offenders

<i>Offense (CGS §)</i>	<i>Authorized Penalty</i>
Probation for certain sex offenses (53a-29(f))	10 to 35 years probation, in addition to imprisonment
Persistent dangerous felony offenders (53a-40(a) and (i) , 2016 Supp.)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> For those with one of the required prior convictions, a range between twice the minimum penalty for the crime the person stands convicted of, including twice any mandatory minimum sentence that applies, to a maximum of 40 years or twice the maximum penalty for the crime the person stands convicted of, whichever is longer For those with two of the required prior convictions, a range between three times the minimum penalty for the crime the person stands convicted of, including three times any mandatory minimum sentence that applies, and life in prison (60 years)
Persistent dangerous sexual offenders (53a-40(b) and (j) , 2016 Supp.)	A combined term of prison and special parole that constitutes a life sentence (statutorily defined as 60 years)
Persistent serious felony offenders (53a-40(c) and (k) , 2016 Supp.)	Sentence of imprisonment for the next more serious degree of felony instead of the statutory sentence for the underlying crime*
Persistent serious sexual offenders (53a-40(d) and (l) , 2016 Supp.)	Sentence of imprisonment and a period of special parole which together constitute the maximum sentence for the next more serious degree of felony*
Persistent larceny offenders (53a-40(e) and (m) , 2016 Supp.)	Sentence for a class D felony (the underlying larceny offenses are all misdemeanors)
Persistent drug possession offender (53a-40(f) and (n) , 2016 Supp. (PA 15-2 , June Special Session))	Sentence for a class E felony
Persistent felony offenders (53a-40(g) and (o) , 2016 Supp.)	Sentence of imprisonment for the next more serious degree of felony with a 3-year mandatory minimum sentence*
Persistent bigotry or bias offenders (53a-40a)	Sentence for the next most serious felony or misdemeanor or, if the crime for which the sentence is to be imposed is a class A misdemeanor, the sentence for a class D felony
Offense committed while on release (53a-40b)	In addition to the sentence for the offense: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> up to 10 years for a felony up to one year for a misdemeanor
Persistent assault; trespass; stalking; threatening; criminal violation of protective, standing criminal protective, or restraining order; and harassment offenders (53a-40d)	Sentence for the next most serious felony or misdemeanor or, if the crime for which the sentence is to be imposed is a class A misdemeanor, the sentence for a class D felony
Persistent operating under the influence offender (53a-40f)	Sentence for the next more serious degree of felony

Table 2 (continued)

Offense (CGS §)	Authorized Penalty
Carjacking—robbery involving an occupied motor vehicle (53a-136a)	Three year mandatory minimum, in addition and consecutive to any imprisonment for the robbery
Persistent negligent hunters (53a-217e(f))	Sentence for the next most serious degree of negligent hunting or hunting under the influence
Act of terrorism (53a-300)	Sentence for the next most serious degree of felony*
Commit class A, B, or C felony with assault weapon (53-202j)	Eight year mandatory minimum, in addition and consecutive to any imprisonment for the felony
Commit class A, B, or C felony with firearm (53-202k)	Five year mandatory minimum, in addition and consecutive to any imprisonment for the felony

*If the penalty for a class A felony is imposed under one of these provisions, a 10-year mandatory minimum sentence would apply.

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